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The Bishop's Weekly Chat With You.

Krakow, Sept. 2, 1930.
My dear Flock:—

After a very happy visit at Poland's National Shrine, I took an evening train to Krakow where I put up at the Hotel Poller, not far from the principal railroad station.

Since it was necessary for me to be at Konnersreuth on September 4th and 5th, I was able to give only one day to this most interesting city of Poland. After visiting the Cathedral, St. Mary's Church, St. Adalbert's Church, the Market Place, the Royal Castle, the Royal Tombs, and King Sigismund's Tower, I found it necessary to see the other places of interest in the rapid manner of the sight-seeing car. Krakow has its name from Krakus, who is reputed to have established the settlement about the year 700 A. D. It has been a Bishopric since the year 1,000 under King Boleslaus the Great. In the year 1079 St. Stanislaus, the Bishop of the city was murdered by Boleslaus II. St. Casimir founded the first Polish University in the fourth century, and Poland was at the height of its greatest glory in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries.

The Prussians besieged Krakow in the year 1794, and two years later the Austrians took possession, making the city with its environs an independent Republic. In the year 1846 it became incorporated with the title of a Grand Duchy under the Austrian monarchy. Poland recovered its independence after the recent World War in 1918, and Krakow regained its liberty.

Everyone knows of the great Polish astronomer, Nicholas Copernicus, who has a monument erected to his honor in this city.

The Castle which dates back to the year 1333, is undergoing restoration; in fact restoration work has been in progress since 1905.

I regret that time prevented my visiting some of the environs of Krakow to which excursions are made for the benefit of tourists nearly every day. Some of these are the Bronislawa Mountain, which is inscribed to Kosciuszko; the ruins of the great St. Benedict Abbey, erected about the year 1,000; the Salt Mines, to which I referred in my last Chat.

In a beautiful valley about fifteen miles from Krakow is a famous summer resort.

Krakow is the center of an iron and steel industry, of tanneries, of textiles.

Since the United States has restricted its immigration laws to such a great extent, Polish people are now migrating to Canada and to South America. Immigrants and the children of immigrants now number nearly 4,000,000 in the United States. They are congregated mostly in our cities where they support numerous churches, schools, and charitable institutions. They are, for the most part, very devoted to their faith.

There is still a controversy between Poland and Germany over Danzig and contiguous territory, which disturbs the peace of Poland much as the peace has been disturbed by similar problems in most of the European countries, following the Trianon Treaty. Let us hope that Divine Providence will adjust all difficulties on the basis of justice.

Sincerely in Christ,
+ John Francis Holl
Bp. of Ft. Wayne

Priest, War Patriot, Outlives His Death Sentence 13 Years

Paris—At Tourcoing there has just died at the age of 75 years Magr. Jean-Baptiste Leclercq, honorary archpriest of Roubaix-Tourcoing, famed for his heroic conduct during the World War.

At the time of the war Magr. Leclercq was pastor-dean of the Church of St. Christopher at Tourcoing. From his pulpit he dared to warn his people not to deliver into the hands of the enemy copper objects that could be used in the manufacture of death-dealing bullets. Brought before a council of war, he was condemned to death. His sentence was commuted to forced labor for life. He was in a German prison camp for 17 months and was liberated only by the Armistice.

Upon his return to France, the Government awarded him the Croix de Guerre.

Answers Questions



The Rev. Dr. John E. Wickham, of New York City, widely known missionary, who will answer questions in the Catholic Hour of radio broadcasting, beginning Sunday, January 4. Also beginning with this broadcast of the Hour, the questions answered will be those of a general religious nature which have been solicited and received from the radio audience.

Official Upholds Station's Ban On Priest's Air Talks

Pittsburgh.—The policy adopted by the Rev. James M. Delaney in his weekly talks on "Worthwhile Motion Pictures," broadcast over Station KDKA, in this city, clashed with "one of the most fundamental and long-standing rules of Station KDKA," Dr. H. P. Davis, vice-president of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company in charge of radio, declares in an answer he made to an inquiry addressed to him by Miss Naomi Larkin of Avalon, chairman of the Literature Bureau of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae. The Pittsburgh Office of the I. F. C. A. sponsored Father Delaney's weekly talks, which were abruptly halted on Dec. 4, when Father Delaney refused to permit officials of Station KDKA to censor the talk he had planned to give—a talk in which he made sharp criticism of some motion pictures then appearing, or scheduled to appear, in Pittsburgh.

In reply to Miss Larkin's inquiry, Dr. Davis first sent a brief note acknowledging her letter of protest, saying that he did not know of the controversy, but would investigate and reply. Later he sent the following letter:

"My dear Miss Larkin:
"Referring again to your letter of December 7, regarding broadcasting of the Rev. James M. Delaney on KDKA, one of the most fundamental and long-standing rules of our station, KDKA, and also of all important broadcasting stations of chains is to observe the fact that a broadcasting station has all kinds of listeners and cannot put on the air talks or material that are controversial.

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Milwaukee St. Vincent Society Benefits 1,693 Poor Families in Year

Milwaukee, Wis.—The seventeenth annual report of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of this city which has been made public discloses that in the course of the year covered by the report \$64,726.48 was expended in aiding the destitute with regard to food, fuel, rent and the like, this amount excluding expenditures for institutional help.

St. Mary's, East Chicago, Starts Burs

The school children of St. Mary's parish, East Chicago, have accepted the responsibility of building up a \$5,000.00 burs. A first installment of \$500.00 was paid recently and the money resulted from a "penny bazaar," which was conducted under the leadership of the school Sisters. The children expect to pay \$1,000.00 a year on this burs until completed. Nothing is difficult when it is backed by the will to do it.

Meeting of Consultors and Deans

On Tuesday, December 30th, the Right Reverend Bishop called together the Deans and Consultors of the diocese and also all the pastors of the city of Fort Wayne, in order that they might hear the Reverend Doctor Alter, of the National Catholic School of Social Service, give his views concerning the care of dependent children and the character of buildings which should house them. Dr. Alter was formerly director of the Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Toledo,

GEN. F. J. KERNAN PREPARED ORDER KEEPING A.E.F. UNIT

Catholic Officer's Drafting of Instrument, Called "One of the Masterful Documents of Military History," Revealed by Col. Frederick Palmer—Unchanged by Baker or Wilson—Pressing Circumstances Related.

By John C. Kelly

New York.—The orders by which General John J. Pershing was given command of the American Expeditionary Forces in the World War were prepared by a Catholic officer, Major General Francis J. Kernan, then acting Assistant Chief of Staff of the United States Army, and it was this Catholic General who wrote the original stipulation that the forces of the United States be kept as a separate and distinct component of the combined Allied forces.

This has been revealed by Colonel Frederick Palmer, internationally known correspondent, in one of a series of radio addresses he is delivering in co-operation with The American Legion Monthly through the facilities of the National Broadcasting Co.

After telling of General Kernan's particular fitness for the task entrusted to him, Colonel Palmer declared that the order he drafted "form one of the masterful documents of military history."

Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War in President Wilson's cabinet, turned over to Colonel Palmer his complete files and records telling of the United States Army's participation in the late war, the speaker announced.

Seen concerning this interesting revelation of his radio talk, Colonel Palmer graciously made the text of the order written by General Kernan available to the N. C. W. C. correspondent.

President and Baker Approve
General Kernan's final draft of the orders was approved by President Wilson and Secretary Baker without any change, Colonel Palmer said. Secretary Baker signed the orders, thereby giving them effect. General Pershing's complete and efficient execution of the orders is now a matter of history.

Colonel Palmer declared that when General Pershing was preparing to go to France he received from Secretary Baker orders which amounted only to this, "Go and come back." However, Colonel Palmer continued, once aboard ship and enroute to France, General Pershing felt that he should have more adequate instructions. Thereupon, according to the speaker, he and General Harbord, who accompanied him, each composed what he thought would be appropriate instructions for the Commander of the A. E. F. They then "telegraphed" the two compositions, Colonel Palmer said, and evolved

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Cathedral Christmas Broadcast Heard Afar

Letters have come to the Bishop's house and to the Cathedral rectory from New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, Florida, Kansas, and even as far north as North Bay, Ontario, recording perfect reception of the Mass and of the Bishop's sermon at the Cathedral on Christmas.

A writer from Kansas had just returned home from the hospital on Christmas eve and felt very sad that he was unable to attend Mass on Christmas. He had never before missed Mass on Christmas. He accidentally discovered WOW when the Pontifical Mass was beginning at the Cathedral. He writes that he attended most of the Mass in tears because of the joy he received from the unending opportunity of at least following the Mass.

Another letter came from the Catholic Institute for the Blind in New York, in which the writer says that the Sisters and children followed the Bishop's Mass over the radio after they had had midnight Mass in their own chapel.

Orphans to Benefit From Miniature Golf

Honolulu, Hawaii.—The Catholic orphans here will have occasion to be thankful that the miniature golf craze has extended to the country.

The owner of the Bobbinks Wee Course, of this city, has turned over the proceeds of the course for the week of November 3, for the Christmas Fund of the orphans, which this year is to be for the erection of a playground.

K. of C. Give \$4,500 Towards New School

Santa Rosa, Calif.—Santa Rosa Knights of Columbus have donated \$4,500 toward the construction of the new parochial school to be erected on the Ursuline College grounds here. The new school will cost, when completed, \$100,000, according to the Rev. Henry Raters of St. Rose's Church.

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The Right Reverend Bishop wishes to thank pastors and people for their good wishes on Christmas and New Year's and also for the collection for the Orphans.

The first collection received was from St. Catherine's Hospital, East Chicago, where everyone in the institution contributed.

The pastor is obliged by diocesan statute to balance his parish books now. You, his parishioners, will therefore confer a great favor on him and contribute towards the order which should exist in every parish if you will pay him all obligations which fell due during the year 1930.

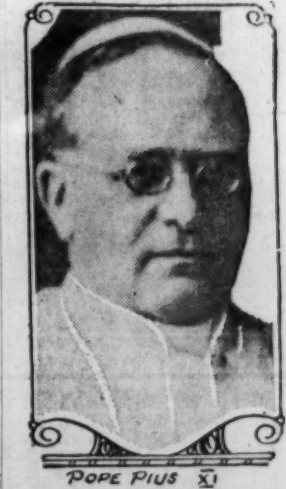
If you did not give your subscription for OUR SUNDAY VISITOR to your pastor during the month of November, will you not do it NOW?

As it is, OUR SUNDAY VISITOR is paying one-half your subscription, because there is no other Catholic weekly paper selling for less than \$2.00 the year. We cannot afford to pay the whole subscription price for thousands. If you wish to make a Christmas present to your Bishop, to your pastor, and even to yourselves, do it in the form of a renewal subscription to OUR SUNDAY VISITOR. You pay at least fifteen or twenty cents a week for your secular paper, and God will not excuse you from paying two cents a week for a religious paper.

This year we had many one hundred per cent subscription lists from parishes. On principle we cannot be satisfied with less next year. Two cents a week can be paid in hard times as well as good times.

Pope Pius Blesses Paris Exposition Mission Exhibit

Paris—Pope Pius has just sent a letter to Admiral G. L. Lavaze bestowing the apostolic benediction upon the committee which is arranging the Catholic Mission Exhibit of the International Colonial and Overseas Exposition, which will open in Paris next May.



His Holiness commends the committee for its intention to reveal, in a series of striking exhibits, the magnificent role of Catholic missions in France's colonial achievement. The principal building will be a typical missionary chapel of native architecture, in which Mass will be celebrated by native clergy.

Indirectly, America will be represented in this Catholic exhibit, since attention will be given to Pere Marquette and his fellow missionaries who played such a noble role in the pioneer days of the Mississippi valley. Tribute will also be paid to Catholic martyrs such as Pere de la Foucauld, "apostle of the Sahara," who was laid low by an assassin's bullet during the World War.

The Catholic exhibits will be largely educational, and will show how Catholic missionaries in French colonies are combating witch doctors, sorcerers and superstition, are constructing hospitals, schools and chapels, are teaching modern sanitation and inculcating Christian morals and ethics. Films, photographs, statistics, historic relics, prayerbooks and crucifixes used by native saints—all this will be included in the Catholic pavilion.

According to official Vatican figures, there are 2,286 foreign (Catholic) missionaries in Africa, and of this number, France contributes more than a third, or 940. Some of them will come to Paris next year to be in charge of the Catholic mission exhibits.

REDS SLAY 30TH RELIGIOUS VICTIM OF CHINA UNREST

Two Priests Killed Suffered Also in Boxer Rebellion—Mission Ranks Still Intact—Details of Father Tierney's Capture.

Rome—Father Mark Ho, Chinese priest of the Prefecture Apostolic of Puchi, Hupei Province, whose death by strangulation at the hands of brigands is announced in a cable from Shanghai, becomes the thirtieth known victim of China's unrest in the last seven years. The list includes eight Belgians, seven Italians, five Chinese, three Americans, three Frenchmen, two Germans, one Spaniard and one Irish.

Details concerning the two Chinese priests, Father Matthew Kin and Paul Cheng, killed by communists at Kianfu, Kiangsi Province, following the wholesale capture of priests and Sisters, reveal that both the victims had suffered also in the persecutions of the Boxer Rebellion.

Father Kin, who was 69 years old, had been ordained eight years when the Boxer Rebellion broke out and it was to his care that the Vicariate was entrusted when the foreign clergy had to flee. On the return of the Bishop, Father Kin was extremely valuable in treating with the Government regarding indemnities. He was especially well read and on good terms with many Chinese savants.

Father Also Executed
Father Cheng belonged to the Cheng family of Nan-kang Ta-woly which has given many priests and several martyrs to the Church. His father suffered a ghastly death in the Boxer Rebellion. His priestly son had a still more horrible death, being beheaded, disemboweled and his heart cut out.

Letters have been received from the priests and Sisters of Kianfu who have been captives since October 6. They are retained in the famous Buddhist monastery "Tsing-yuen-shan" in Kian, whence they returned after being forced to follow the Red army for some miles, and are now caring for the wounded. Their food consists of hard rice and vegetables. Father Barbate, one of the writers, states that the students of the preparatory seminary are being forced to attend the Communist meetings, as also are the Chinese nuns, the Daughters of St. Anne.

The latest news of Father Henry Von Arx, a Swiss Lazarist of Nanchang, captured on October 16, is that he was seen in Kin-Teh-Chang, a large porcelain center, looking much the worse from the poor food and lack of clothing afforded by the brigands. A letter has been received from the General of the tenth Red Army saying, "We have captured an imperialist, a Catholic priest, come here to take our kingdom away, and for this we fine him \$100,000." A payment of \$3,000 was demanded at once.

While Kiangsi Province is overrun with communists and advances are noted in Hunan Province, yet hopes are running high that better times are in store for China if the reforms proposed following the Plenary Session are carried out by the Central Government. If peace does come, the Catholic missionary forces will be found practically intact.

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Men Pose as Christmas Callers, Take \$2,000 From Chicago Rectory

Chicago.—Pretending to be Christmas callers, two men entered the rectory of St. Adalbert's Catholic church here, recently, and, drawing pistols, robbed the Rev. C. I. Gronkowski, pastor, of some \$2,000 that had been received in church collections.

Father Gronkowski, two priests from neighboring parishes, and the Rev. Joseph Rieda, S. J., a missionary from Toledo, O., were talking when the two men were admitted to the rectory at the front door. Entering the living room the men drew revolvers, tied the three visiting priests and compelled them to sit on the floor. One of the men stood guard over the three priests while the other forced Father Gronkowski to open a vault where the money was kept.

Catholic Missionary Called Discoverer of Quinine as Remedy

London.—An exhibition commemorating the third centenary of the discovery of quinine was opened here by Cardinal Bourne in the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.

The Cardinal remarked upon the fitness of a Catholic occupying the chair on the occasion because the discovery of quinine (Peruvian or cinchona bark) was due, indirectly at any rate, to the missionary efforts of the Catholic Church.

Visits This Country



The Rev. Leopoldo Ruiz y Flores, S. V. D., Vicar Apostolic of Lanchowfu, West Kansu, China, who is a visitor in this country. Bishop Buddenbrock and his missionaries were the first priests to set foot in parts of his vast Vicariate, one of the poorest sections of the world, with a population of 8,500,000 people.

Pope's Admonition Against War Talk Praised by Times

New York.—The declaration by Pope Pius XI, in his Christmas Eve message, of his belief that the many rumors of impending war in Europe must be exaggerated, since it would be "suicidal" for any nation to rush into war at this time, was hailed by The New York Times, in an editorial published recently, as a "welcome and timely word."

Reminding that His Holiness did not speak "merely as a religious leader, still less as only a sentimentalist," the editorial declared his message a "sober corrective for predictions of war which have been growing in volume."

It was recalled that multiplying voices are heard to speak of Palestine as a powder magazine, the Balkans as about to flame into hostilities, France, Italy, Poland and Germany as ready for another bloody trial of strength. The editorial then continued:

"Perhaps pacifists themselves have been tempted, in their zeal for the League of Nations or the World Court, to stress too much signs of trouble and to magnify in an alarming way the danger signals. It is a calmer, and we are persuaded, a better founded view which has now come from the Holy See."

His Holiness told of his wishes for "that peace which angels at Christmas announced to the earth in Christ's name. It should be the real peace of Christ and not a confused and indistinct sentiment of practice," he said, "because the only real peace is that which comes from God, the only One capable of giving this precious and enduring fruit."

The Holy Father also made a plea for better relations among the classes as a remedy for the world problem of unemployment.

Warn of Three Bogus Religious Who Solicit Funds From Gullible

Washington.—Three instances of bogus solicitors seeking to collect money or pretending to sell goods for Catholic causes have come to the attention of religious communities in this city within the last few days.

The first of these persons is a woman who has appeared in Washington in recent days, using the same scheme which she employed through this section of the country some six years ago. Posing as "Sister Mary Fisher," this woman takes orders and receives deposits for vestments to be made. She represents herself as a member of a German community but is characterized as a fraud and the interview is all that materializes from the orders.

The second person is a man who, posing as "Brother Raphael Ward," has solicited money recently at at least one church in New York, saying that he is a Franciscan from Washington. Franciscan authorities here declare that this man is "an unqualified fake."

The third case concerns a man who solicited funds in down-town Washington, claiming to be authorized to collect for the "education of young men for the priesthood for the Franciscans in Paterson, N. J." Franciscan authorities here say of this case that the man "is not connected with this place, and the Superior of the Holy Name College of the New York Franciscans informs us that he is acting without their authorization or knowledge."

PAPAL DELEGATE TELLS OF CHURCH IN MEXICO TODAY

In Interview With Abbe Lugan, Frankly States Situation Following Settlement—Recounts Hopes and Possible Obstacles Faced.

By Abbe A. Lugan

(Written for N.C.W.C. News Service)
Mexico City—His Excellency the Most Rev. Leopoldo Ruiz y Flores, Archbishop of Mexico, played a highly important part in the negotiations preceding the June, 1929, agreement between the Catholic Church and the Government of Mexico, whereby the Church received recognition and the places of worship were reopened. Thereafter, he was entrusted by the Holy See with the difficult and very responsible post of Apostolic Delegate.

Moreover, Archbishop Ruiz y Flores is everywhere recognized as a deep student of Mexican affairs—a man of exceptional learning, and one ardently devoted to his Church as he is to his country.

Accordingly, this writer went to him as a person remarkably well fitted to give information on the present situation of the Church in Mexico and on the possibilities for the future.

In the interview which he accorded me, I asked him several questions, the answers to which I believed would present the Church's position in Mexico today clearly. He graciously replied to all my queries. I present herewith the questions and the answers I received:

Queries Regarding Peace

On what points were the preliminaries to the peace established? Were the rights of the Church safeguarded therein?

"The points which served as the basis for the preliminaries of the agreement, or 'modus vivendi' were the following: (1) Recognition of the existence of the Church and of its right to those liberties indispensable for it to live in conformity with its own nature; (2) Recognition of the Hierarchy, the Government promising to inscribe on its registers only the priests named by the Bishops; (3) The promise of applying or interpreting the laws only in a spirit of concord and without sectarianism; (4) Recognition of the right to seek amendment of the laws.

"It should be remarked that the very existence of the Church, as well as its Hierarchy, is ignored in the right of Catholics to seek amendment of the laws.

"Certain rights of the Church, its existence, its Hierarchy, were thus safeguarded. It remained to regain other rights."

May one hope that the way to concord has been opened?

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Chesterton Is Hailed By College Students In 13 Foreign Tongues

Worcester, Mass.—An interesting booklet, highly embellished, has been published by the Holy Cross College Crusaders here in connection with the recent lecture and visit of Gilbert K. Chesterton at the college. The brochure, which is entitled "Chestertonia" is dedicated to Mr. Chesterton as "The Crusader" for the Faith.

A feature of the souvenir brochure is a group of salutations to the noted man of letters "from Crusaders at Holy Cross in accents of their forefathers." The group includes greetings, in Arabic, Armenian, Chinese, French, Gaelic, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, and Spanish.

McCormack Invites U. S. Cardinals as 1932 Guests in Erin

By J. J. Mooney
(Dublin Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Dublin—John McCormack, the famous tenor, has invited their Eminences the Cardinals of the United States who will attend the Dublin Eucharistic Congress in 1932 to be his guests during the Congress, this correspondent is informed.

Mr. McCormack's beautiful residence, Moore Abbey, Monasterevan, is within easy reach of Dublin city, and was formerly the seat of the Marquis of Drogheda.

Many of the wealthy Catholic residents in the environs of Dublin have invited members of the Hierarchy to be their guests, and many others will be accommodated in the large colleges within a wide radius of the city.

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